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ACUC Guidelines

Please ensure that you and your staff review all pertinent ACUC guidelines as they relate to your animal research activities. The guidelines can be found at <http://web.ncifcrf.gov/rtp/lasp/intra/acuc/fred/guidelines/nci.asp>

New/Revised LASP Standard Operating Procedures

Below is a listing of new and/or revised LASP Standard Operating Procedures. Please contact your Facility Manager if you require copies for your staff and/or have any questions as to how these SOPs relate to your animal research activities.

3.036 MRI Guidelines 

6.002 Facility User Meetings 

3.012 Rodent Cage Changing

3.021 Rodent Breeding & Weaning

R&Q Renovation - Update

The R&Q renovation is proceeding as planned. Phase I is scheduled for completion in mid-March. Phase II, which includes the cage wash area, has an anticipated completion goal of the end of June 2007. R&Q has been able to accommodate the majority of importation requests given the space constraints. Additionally, rederivations for all animals with adequate health status are on schedule. The R&Q staff should be commended for their commitment to ensuring a seamless transition and operation of the facility during these renovations. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

New Post-Approval Monitoring Process

The NCI-Frederick ACUC recently revised the post-approval monitoring process that is requested during ASP study and/or modification review. Any studies that are approved with a stipulation for the veterinary staff to observe a procedure as part of the ACUC post-approval monitoring process will require written verification [by e-mail] from the ACUC Office indicating that the requirements for ensuring humane care and use of animals in accordance with Federal requirements have been satisfied. All staff should be reminded that if there is any question as to whether or not a post-approval monitoring stipulation has been satisfied, please contact the **ACUC Office** before proceeding with your planned experiment. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

LASP Online Facility & ASP Access System - Update

As previously announced, this new online system provides interested investigators with current animal inventory data in NCI animal facilities as well as an overview of active Animal Study Proposals in both Frederick and Bethesda. The goal is to promote communication between the facility and the investigative staff to ensure that records are properly maintained and to provide an online resource for investigators to make colony management decisions.

A recent enhancement to this system now permits additional staff members [i.e., post-docs, technicians, collaborators, etc.] to view his/her investigator's animal inventory and ASP data. Please send an email to ahaltm@ncifcrf.gov if you are interested in obtaining account access to this system [Principal Investigator permission must be granted in advance].

PHL Services – ASP Inclusions

When preparing new or renewal ASP submissions, if you plan to make arrangements with the **Pathology/Histology Laboratory** to perform euthanasia/necropsy for your study, please include a brief statement about the possible methods of euthanasia that may be required to fulfill your study objectives [under Section I]. If the PHL service box has been selected on your ASP form, investigators will also be prompted for this information during the pre-review process. The ACUC understands that there may be unexpected circumstances warranting alternative methods of euthanasia to be performed by PHL staff to fulfill your

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study objectives. The ACUC must ensure that known terminal procedures [particularly those requiring anesthesia] have been justified in accordance with the investigator's study objectives. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

NCI-Frederick ASP Form Template

Please be sure to download and utilize the latest version of the NCI-Frederick Animal Study Proposal form for all future submissions [new and renewals].

<http://web.ncifcrf.gov/rtp/lasp/intra/acuc/fred/proposal.asp>

Upcoming ACUC Meeting Dates and ASP Deadlines

MEETING DATES	ASP SUBMISSION DEADLINES
February 15	January 25
March 15	February 22
April 19	March 29
May 17	April 26

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